

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant submits this amendment in response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2006. A petition for a one-month extension of the term for response to said Office Action, to and including November 7, 2006, is transmitted herewith.

Claims 2-6, 9-13 and 16 are still pending in this application. Claims 12-13 have been allowed. Claims 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15 have now been cancelled without prejudice.


Claims 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wall (U.S. Patent 4,423,531). By the present amendment, applicant hereby cancels, without prejudice, claims 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15.

Claims 2-6, 9-11 and 16 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, applicant has amended claims 2-6, 9-11 and 16. These claims have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, applicant submits that these claims are now allowable. Claims 12-13 have been allowed.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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